



## Shrewsbury Public Schools

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To: Joe Sawyer, Superintendent

Subj: TITLE IIA and TITLE III FINANCIAL REVIEW

On June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> the Audit and Compliance Unit of Department of Elementary and Secondary Education conducted a routine fiscal review of our FY15 Title IIA [Teacher Quality] and Title III [English Language Acquisition] grants. In FY15 we received \$85,455 and \$28,420, respectively, from each of these federal grants.

The outcome was positive but with a note on misclassification of an expense as “Contractual Services” when it should have been reported under “Travel”. These categories are determined by DESE grant accounting.

I attribute the successful outcome to the work Elizabeth Callahan does and her ability to gather all of the supporting documents they required as part of the review.

I would note that included in the attachment is the final report, the list of required documents, and the Interview Questionnaire that Elizabeth and I responded to for about an hour while the reviewer was on site.

While I understand the need financial oversight, this is another example, in my opinion, of the little understood time burden school districts face in our highly regulated work. Our grants also are subject to a “real” independent audit by certified public accountants and there is a very strict process in place with DESE to provide annual expenditure reports for each grant as well as on the End of Year Report.